

“CUHK Literary Walk”(中大文學散步) is an important teaching and learning activity proposed in the University Chinese Core CHLT 1100 University Chinese I, where students are guided by the teacher to appreciate the beauty of the campus by visiting the scenic and historical spots on campus described in the literary works by famous writers. ”Language Map of CUHK 2.0”(中大文學地圖 2.0) is a mobile app designed as an assisting tool for this learning activity.

The homepage of the app is a CUHK cartoon map indicated with major landmarks. Clicking on the landmarks will display the following three buttons:

1. Introduction (地景掌故): A descriptive record of CUHK landmarks.
2. Writers’ work (山城筆跡): Compiles the works of famous authors and students. The content of this part mainly derives from the book 《中大·山水·人文》 published by Oxford University Press in 2012 which gathers literature works with content about CUHK. The content includes some of the winning entries of the writing competition “Literary CUHK”(文學中大).
3. Write your words (舞文弄墨): Users may submit their works through Blackboard, Facebook and Google forms which will be updated on the Writers’ work (山城筆跡) of the App after screening by our team. By 18/5/2018, 169 creative works about CUHK were received. Some of these pieces will be selected and post on the Writers’ work of the App. In the long run, we hope to see the works of CUHK students constitute most of the content, and the App will become a platform for CUHK members to express their feelings through writing about the life and the scenery of the university.

As the App compile the works of famous writers about CUHK, extra notes or books are no longer required during the Literary Walk. Students may also hand in their creative works by using the App during Literary Walk. With the aid of such convenience App, the quality of the Literary Walk will be enhanced. With the idea of flipped classroom, students can improve self-learning abilities and Chinese language before lesson or the Literary Walk by using the app to read the works from famous writers and leave the time for discussion and guidance for the appreciation of the Writers’ work during Literary Walk. We do think that the project is on track to meet its objectives.

In the future, Smart trips for students to improve their literary appreciation skills will be added. Meanwhile, we will introduce specific language tips(e.g. definitions for difficult vocabularies) for different content and narrative styles. Furthermore, the interactive function of the App will be enhanced by being combined with other software like UreplyGo. Both GPS and AR technology may also be implemented, with which teachers can plan games or Q&A in advance. This will definitely enhance the auxiliary function of the App to the Literary Walk.